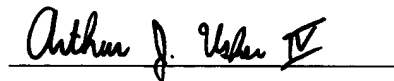


REMARKS

The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/939,266, filed August 24, 2001 (the Parent Application). The Parent Application was subject to a restriction requirement by the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002. In the response to restriction requirement mailed by Applicant's representative on June 19, 2002, claims 1-25 were elected with traverse. The remaining claims are now being pursued. This Preliminary Amendment changes the cross-reference section of the application to indicate this status. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the present application.

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